

TABLE B-44.—*Unemployment by duration and reason, 1959–2003*
[Thousands of persons, except as noted; monthly data seasonally adjusted¹]

Year or month	Unem- plov- ment	Duration of unemployment					Reason for unemployment						
		Less than 5 weeks	5-14 weeks	15-26 weeks	27 weeks and over	Average (mean) dura- tion (weeks)	Median dura- tion (weeks)	Job losers ³			Job leav- ers	Reen- trants	New en- trants
								Total	On layoff	Other			
1959	3,740	1,585	1,114	469	571	14.4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1960	3,852	1,719	1,176	503	454	12.8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1961	4,714	1,806	1,376	728	804	15.6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1962	3,911	1,663	1,134	534	585	14.7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1963	4,070	1,751	1,231	535	553	14.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1964	3,786	1,697	1,117	491	482	13.3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1965	3,366	1,628	983	404	351	11.8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1966	2,875	1,573	779	287	239	10.4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1967 ²	2,975	1,634	893	271	177	8.7	2.3	1,229	394	836	438	945	396
1968	2,817	1,594	810	256	156	8.4	4.5	1,070	334	736	431	909	407
1969	2,832	1,629	827	242	133	7.8	4.4	1,017	339	678	436	965	413
1970	4,093	2,139	1,290	428	235	8.6	4.9	1,811	675	1,137	550	1,228	504
1971	5,016	2,245	1,585	668	519	11.3	6.3	2,323	735	1,588	590	1,472	630
1972	4,882	2,242	1,472	601	566	12.0	6.2	2,108	582	1,526	641	1,456	677
1973	4,365	2,224	1,314	483	343	10.0	5.2	1,694	472	1,221	683	1,340	649
1974	5,156	2,604	1,597	574	381	9.8	5.2	2,242	746	1,495	768	1,463	681
1975	7,929	2,940	2,484	1,303	1,203	14.2	8.4	4,386	1,671	2,714	827	1,892	823
1976	7,406	2,844	2,196	1,018	1,348	15.8	8.2	3,679	1,050	2,628	903	1,928	895
1977	6,991	2,919	2,132	913	1,028	14.3	7.0	3,166	865	2,300	909	1,963	953
1978	6,202	2,865	1,923	766	648	11.9	5.9	2,585	712	1,873	874	1,857	885
1979	6,137	2,950	1,946	706	535	10.8	5.4	2,635	851	1,784	880	1,806	817
1980	7,637	3,295	2,470	1,052	820	11.9	6.5	3,947	1,488	2,459	891	1,927	872
1981	8,273	3,449	2,539	1,122	1,162	13.7	6.9	4,267	1,430	2,837	923	2,102	981
1982	10,678	3,883	3,311	1,708	1,776	15.6	8.7	6,268	2,127	4,141	840	2,384	1,185
1983	10,717	3,570	2,937	1,652	2,559	20.0	10.1	6,258	1,780	4,478	830	2,412	1,216
1984	8,539	3,350	2,451	1,104	1,634	18.2	7.9	4,421	1,171	3,250	823	2,184	1,110
1985	8,312	3,498	2,509	1,025	1,280	15.6	6.8	4,139	1,157	2,982	877	2,256	1,039
1986	8,237	3,448	2,557	1,045	1,187	15.0	6.9	4,033	1,090	2,943	1,015	2,160	1,029
1987	7,425	3,246	2,196	943	1,040	14.5	6.5	3,566	943	2,623	965	1,974	920
1988	6,701	3,084	2,007	801	809	13.5	5.9	3,092	851	2,241	983	1,809	816
1989	6,528	3,174	1,978	730	646	11.9	4.8	2,983	850	2,133	1,024	1,843	677
1990	7,047	3,265	2,257	822	703	12.0	5.3	3,387	1,028	2,359	1,041	1,930	688
1991	8,628	3,480	2,791	1,246	1,111	13.7	6.8	4,694	1,292	3,402	1,004	2,139	792
1992	9,613	3,376	2,830	1,453	1,954	17.7	8.7	5,389	1,260	4,129	1,002	2,285	937
1993	8,940	3,262	2,584	1,297	1,798	18.0	8.3	4,848	1,115	3,733	976	2,198	919
1994	7,996	2,728	2,408	1,237	1,623	18.8	9.2	3,815	977	2,838	791	2,786	604
1995	7,404	2,700	2,342	1,085	1,278	16.6	8.3	3,476	1,030	2,446	824	2,525	579
1996	7,236	2,633	2,287	1,053	1,262	16.7	8.3	3,370	1,021	2,349	774	2,512	580
1997	6,739	2,538	2,138	995	1,067	15.8	8.0	3,037	931	2,106	795	2,338	569
1998	6,210	2,622	1,950	763	875	14.5	6.7	2,822	866	1,957	734	2,132	520
1999	5,880	2,568	1,832	755	725	13.4	6.4	2,622	848	1,774	783	2,005	469
2000	5,692	2,558	1,815	669	649	12.6	5.9	2,517	852	1,664	780	1,961	434
2001	6,801	2,853	2,196	951	801	13.1	6.8	3,476	1,067	2,409	835	2,031	459
2002	8,378	2,893	2,580	1,369	1,535	16.6	9.1	4,607	1,124	3,483	866	2,368	536
2003	8,774	2,785	2,612	1,442	1,936	19.2	10.1	4,838	1,121	3,717	818	2,477	641
2002: Jan	8,126	3,011	2,595	1,405	1,182	14.6	8.5	4,446	1,155	3,291	881	2,266	488
Feb	8,184	2,963	2,561	1,408	1,215	15.1	8.3	4,457	1,135	3,322	891	2,314	508
Mar	8,278	3,051	2,535	1,385	1,342	15.5	8.4	4,454	1,099	3,355	881	2,459	533
Apr	8,578	2,940	2,848	1,373	1,459	16.2	8.8	4,665	1,128	3,536	991	2,373	524
May	8,397	2,887	2,573	1,375	1,573	16.9	9.6	4,604	1,091	3,513	900	2,409	502
June	8,384	2,727	2,684	1,389	1,608	16.9	11.1	4,624	1,086	3,539	840	2,350	540
July	8,400	2,905	2,498	1,344	1,579	16.7	8.9	4,594	1,216	3,378	842	2,377	541
Aug	8,335	2,894	2,546	1,306	1,566	16.4	8.9	4,567	1,166	3,402	845	2,314	610
Sept	8,269	2,795	2,511	1,353	1,623	17.7	9.5	4,538	1,042	3,497	798	2,333	534
Oct	8,363	2,779	2,514	1,376	1,695	17.8	9.6	4,733	1,098	3,635	850	2,365	487
Nov	8,565	2,930	2,534	1,339	1,765	17.7	9.4	4,784	1,081	3,703	826	2,399	610
Dec	8,698	2,873	2,591	1,420	1,891	18.5	9.6	4,839	1,122	3,716	866	2,475	534
2003: Jan	8,428	2,795	2,573	1,444	1,731	18.5	9.7	4,631	1,094	3,536	825	2,374	605
Feb	8,581	2,782	2,586	1,292	1,884	18.7	9.5	4,806	1,141	3,665	783	2,418	589
Mar	8,519	2,788	2,531	1,340	1,829	18.1	9.7	4,774	1,151	3,623	802	2,410	620
Apr	8,799	2,815	2,625	1,399	1,919	19.4	10.1	4,851	1,112	3,739	818	2,517	633
May	8,957	3,033	2,617	1,380	1,914	19.2	10.1	5,021	1,197	3,824	778	2,506	635
June	9,245	2,937	2,787	1,500	2,010	19.6	11.7	4,972	1,177	3,795	890	2,646	642
July	9,048	2,739	2,698	1,598	1,961	19.3	10.1	4,947	1,173	3,774	798	2,522	661
Aug	8,929	2,735	2,630	1,561	2,001	19.2	10.0	4,939	1,092	3,847	790	2,530	650
Sept	8,966	2,749	2,736	1,438	2,073	19.6	10.1	4,947	1,110	3,837	836	2,436	684
Oct	8,797	2,733	2,585	1,460	2,018	19.4	10.3	4,877	1,097	3,780	789	2,518	653
Nov	8,653	2,622	2,556	1,448	2,036	20.0	10.4	4,719	1,055	3,664	931	2,440	619
Dec	8,398	2,627	2,450	1,513	1,890	19.6	10.4	4,618	1,060	3,558	783	2,366	694

¹ Because of independent seasonal adjustment of the various series, detail will not add to totals.

² Data for 1967 by reason for unemployment are not equal to total unemployment.

³ Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

Note.—Data relate to persons 16 years of age and over.

See footnote 5 and Note, Table B-35.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.